

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Kusakabe et al.  
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Title: INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND INFORMATION  
MANAGEMENT METHOD  
Art Unit: 2134  
Examiner: Ellen C. Tran  
Docket No.: 112857-225

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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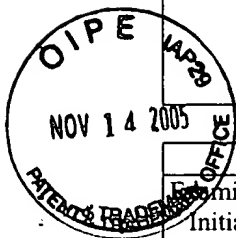


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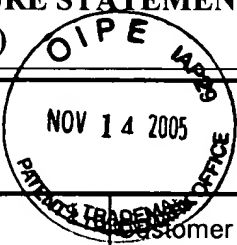
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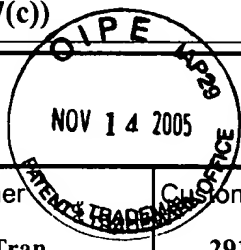
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